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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 107.

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1947.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Civil Aviation—G. W. C. Wright.
Postmaster-General—A. H. Baddeley, V. P. Brand, R. D. Ellis, J. T. Kilgariff, D. L. Overheu.
Works and Housing—L. A. Dobbs, L. W. Gilmour, J. J. Keogh, W. C. Le Bas, W. A. McQuiggin, A. Mitchell, J. N. F. Newbold, N. H. Perkins, F. S. Saw, H. D. Turner, W. F. J. Vallins, D. H. R. Wood.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Defence purposes—Elizabeth Bay (Sydney), New South Wales.
Postal purposes—Belgrave, Victoria.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 15, Government Business.
5. TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Pollard (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. AIR NAVIGATION BILL (No. 2) 1947.—Mr. Drakeford (Minister for Civil Aviation), pursuant to leave given on the 28th November, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Air Navigation Act 1920-1936' as amended by the 'Air Navigation Act 1947'", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Drakeford moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1—
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. MCKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 63.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Export of Eggs.

Government House,
Canberra, 18th November, 1947.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Export of Eggs.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehy reported accordingly.
The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pollard, by leave, was adopted by the House.

10. EGG EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Abbott, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, after sub-clause (5.) insert the following sub-clause :—

“(5A.) No person shall be eligible for election or appointment as a member of the Board to represent producers, or to continue as such a member, unless he is a producer.”

Mr. Anthony moved, as a further amendment, That the words “ The member appointed to represent the Commonwealth Government shall be Chairman of the Board ” (page 2, lines 25 and 26) be omitted with a view to inserting the words “ The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the members of the Board ” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (RENTS AND PRICES) BILL 1947.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

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Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 39.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Acting Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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And so the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Dedman, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hutchinson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scullin and Mr. Spender.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.